

The use of a broadcast flag with HDTV transmissions is a "slap in the face" to decades of fair-use rulings by the Federal Court system, and to the intentions of the copyright system as a whole. It is not the responsibility of the FCC to assume that American citizen as a whole are TV-Show and Movie pirating criminals, based on the fear mongering of Broadcast Networks. History has shown that the multimedia industries such as TV and the MPAA are consistently fearful of new technologies and attempt to stop them, while later realizing the error of their ways and actually using and dominating the medium. Let the new HDTV medium work out it's problems over time.